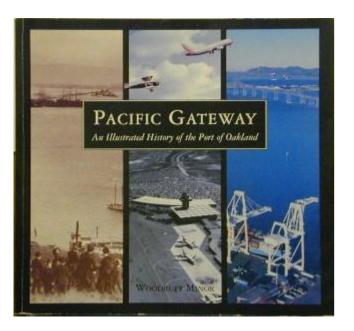
# The North Field, Oakland Airport

Presentation to the City of Oakland Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board

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# **Information Sources**



### Pacific Gateway by Woodruff Minor

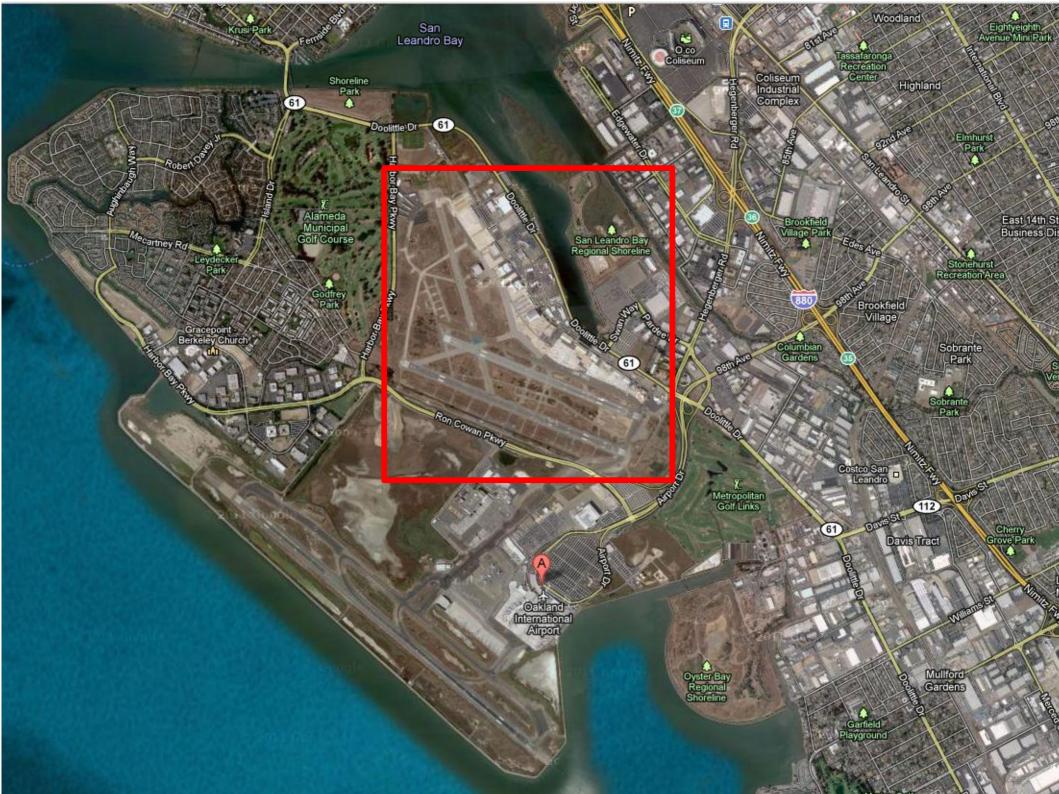


#### **Oakland Aviation Museum**

Where West Coast Aviation Began

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# The North Field Landmark

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the proposed Landmark has historical significance as described and presented in Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board Resolution No. 1979-8 (revised); that the proposed Landmark is of special historical significance and is a unique asset to the City; that the proposed Landmark provides a remembrance of early aviation history and participating pioneer flyers; and that for this reason, the Landmark is found to be worthy of special recognition; now, therefore,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The North Field, Oakland Airport, Earhart Road, exclusive of the structures and facilities thereon, is hereby designated as a Landmark as described ...

# **Oakland Aviation Pre-1927**

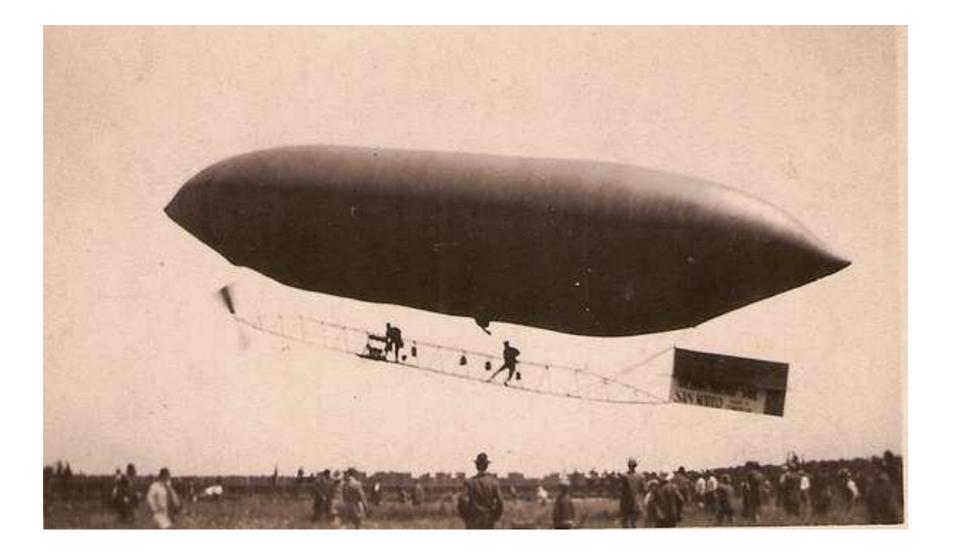
August 28, 1853 flight of balloon *California* near 3rd St and Broadway

July 29, 1904 Thomas Scott Baldwin in *California Arrow* made first successful airship flight in the US at Oakland's Idora Park.

September 21, 1909 Feng Ru Flew over Piedmont Hills 20 minute flight



## The California Arrow (1904)



## Durant Field (1916)



#### UakPind Municipal Airport 1927 – 1928

"Bird of Paradise" - June 28, 1927 "City of Oakland" - July 14, 1927 The Dole Race - August 16, 1927 Oakland Airport Dedication - September 17, "Southern Cross" - May 11, 1928 1927











PABCO PACIFIC FLYER (Crashed at end of runway) (Second crash)

#### OKLAHOMA



(Aborted flight over San Francisco) El Encanto



(Takeoff groundloop crash) Pride of Los Angeles (Crashed inbound to event)



Hummingbird (Crashed into cliff enroute to event)

(Crashed into cliff enroute to ev Angel of Los Angeles (Crashed on test flight) Bird of Paradise First nonstop to Haweii (Before Dole Prize)/

WOOLAROC DOLE WINNER Dallas Spirit (lost at sea) Golden Eagle (lost at sea) Miss Dorian (lost at sea) PN-9 (1925 attempt with water landing) Spirit of Oakland (Molokai Landing)

## **1927 DOLE AIR DERBY**





TO THE MEMORY OF THE AUSTRALIAN AVIATORS SIR CHARLES KINGSFORD-SMITH GAPTAIN CHARLES T. P. ULM

1934

1935

1930

1928

THIS PLAQUE IS DEDICATED BY THE BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND AS A PERMANENT TRIBUTE TO THE COURAGE AND FORESIGHT OF THESE GALLANT AIRMEN.

THEIR AERONAUTICAL EXPLOITS - STARTING IN 1928 WITH THE PIONEERING FLIGHT OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS FROM OARLAND TO AUSTRALIA AND THENCE CONTINUED AROUND THE GLOBE BY RINGSFORD-SHITH TO COMPLETE AT OARLAND THE AERIAL CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE WORLD - CONTRIBUTED GREATET TO THE PROGRESS OF AVIATION AND DEMONSTRATED THE PRACTICABILITY OF REGULAR TRANSOCEANIC AIR SERVICE.

# Airport Buildings (1928-1930)

9504 Earhart Road, Oakland, United States Address is approximate



# Amelia Earhart in Oakland

June 1931 Landed Autogiro in Oakland after 1st Transcontinental flight

January 1935 Landed in Oakland after 1st Solo trans-Pacific flight (from Honolulu)

May 1937 Took off from Oakland with Navigator Fred Noonan on Ill-Fated Around-the-World Expedition

